Statement, by caste, of officers in the Co-operative Department.

57. *Mr. **Tariatu Kunjitomman** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of officers in the Co-operative Department drawing a pay of Rs. 25 and over and of appointments made in that department during the two years ending the 1st Medam last ?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai (*Registrar of Co-operative Societies*): The *statements are laid on the table.

Appointments made by Mr. A. Kumara Pillai as Jenmikaram Special Officer.

58. *Mr. **Tariatu Kunjitomman** : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of Syrian Catholics, Latin Catholics and members of other communities among those appointed by Mr. A. Kumara Pillai while he was Jenmikaram Special Officer ?

Mr. K. George : A † statement containing the information is placed on the table.

Promotion of higher grade clerks in the Secretariat.

59. *Mr. **J. John Kattakayam** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether, in the case of the higher grade clerks of the Huzur Secretariat, seniority is followed in giving promotions, either acting or permanent, to the second and first grades whenever vacancies occur in those grades ;

(*b*) how many persons from offices other than the Secretariat have been given appointments in the second and first grades of clerks since Chingam 1108 ; and

(*c*) whether any clerk or clerks of the third grade have been given promotions, either acting or permanent, to the second grade overlooking the claims of his or their seniors of the same grade.

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : (*a*) Yes, ordinarily.

(*b*) 3 in the first class and 1 in the second class.

(*c*) Yes.

(The answer was also given in Malayalam).

Pay of Proof-readers in the Government Press.

60. *Mr. **E. P. Varghese** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the pay of the proof-readers in the Government Press ;

(*b*) whether the pay of the proof-readers has been revised during the last 12 years ;

(*c*) whether the pay of other employees has been revised during the last 12 years ;

*Vide Appendix II—page 327.

† *Vide* Appendix III. page 327.

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(*d*) whether the proof-readers are included in the inferior service ; and

(*e*) whether the proof-readers have memorialised Government setting forth their grievances ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : (a) There are 3 grades *viz.*, Rs. 10, Rs. 11-1/3-15 and Rs. 15-1/2-20.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes ; in 1098 and in 1101 M. E.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes.

Mr. E. P. Varghese : With reference to the answer to part (*e*), may I know what action has been taken on their memorial ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : The memorials were lodged.

Overtime work of Proof-readers in the Government Press.

61. ***Mr. E. P. Varghese :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the overtime allowance now paid to the proof-readers ;

(*b*) the overtime allowance paid to the other employees in the Government Press ;

(*c*) whether the overtime allowance to the proof-readers was ever given at the rate of a day's wages for every 7 hours ;

(*d*) the maximum number of hours at which the proof-readers and other employees of the same grade have been made to work a day during this year ; and

(*e*) the total overtime hours worked by the proof-readers of the Government Press from 1-1-1110 to 1-11-1110 M. E. ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : (*a*) and (*b*). In lieu of overtime allowance, fixed local allowances, varying according to the grade and pay of the employees, are paid to the proof-readers and such other employees as are eligible for allowance to compensate for the extra work done during overtime hours.

(*c*) Yes ; till 1-7-1108 ; up to a limit of 50 per cent. of the pay.

(*d*) 20½ hours.

(*e*) The total number of overtime hours which a single proof-reader worked for is 374.

Mr. E. P. Varghese : May I know why overtime allowance was changed to local allowance ?

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